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Murder in Lowell, Beating in Boston Raise Serious Questions

By David Brill

BOSTON — On February 2, Lowell police discovered the body of a young man who had been shot several times. His hands and feet were bound and his socks were placed under his arms. Two weeks later, he was identified as Curtis "Dale" Barbre, a 21-year-old Baltimore native who had been living in Boston.

Dale Barbre was not without enemies. Talks with people who knew and worked with him inevitably bring up words like "rip-off artist" and "drug dealer." Like Chelsea's Elsie, Dale Barbre "wasn't what you'd call a blushing flower." An ex-employer of his told this reporter that Barbre left work in the middle of a busy night at the urging of a "big-spending trick."

At first, Lowell detectives told reporters that Barbre was last seen before his death at Together, which the *Village Voice* once called "downtown Boston's prime chicken bar." In fact,

however, a subsequent investigation disclosed that Barbre went from Together to the Regency Baths later that night.

On February 17, three Lowell detectives, accompanied by Boston Police Det. Peter J. O'Malley of District One, met with the owner of the Regency Baths, in a downtown bar, to talk about the murder. Two persons who were at the Regency that evening — "Rob," a 25-year-old employee, and "Rick," a 21-year-old customer — had apparently remembered seeing Barbre leave the Regency that night. (A well-known drag queen followed him from there, although that person has since been exonerated in connection with the murder.)

O'Malley visited the Regency the next day and asked if there were any records of Barbre's presence there that evening. There were none, he was told, because the records from that night had been thrown out, quite accident-

ally. O'Malley was angry and suspicious. The next day he threatened "a lot of problems" for the Regency if the information was not forthcoming. Jim Mitchell, proprietor of the Regency, responded that he had already cooperated fully. (Mitchell has a history of helping law enforcement authorities solve gay murders and there was thus no reason for O'Malley to question him.) Never one for laxity, O'Malley continued the investigation — even though it was Lowell's murder, not Boston's — and was convinced that "Rick" and "Rob" knew more than they were saying. There were a few more meetings and a few more threats.

On March 7, O'Malley was dancing at Together with a young woman at about 10:45 p.m. By all accounts from people who were there, he was not sober, even though he was scheduled to go on duty in less than two hours. Rick and Rob, who were also in the club, claim that O'Malley, upon seeing them

together, accused them of being lovers (which they are not) and of covering up information in the Barbre murder to protect each other.

Both men claim that O'Malley proceeded to chase them to the upstairs door of the basement-level bar. O'Malley then began to punch Rick in the face (more than 25 times, Rick said), causing him to become semi-conscious. Together's manager, Donald Richard, pulled O'Malley off the slightly-built Rick and then the detective, who is twice the size of Rick, started in on Rob. Both young men went to Mass. General Hospital and were treated; Rick was kept overnight for head wounds, bruises, and bleeding.

Donald Richard, however — an ex-prizefighter who prefers to be called an "entrepreneur" — gives a different account of the incident. He says Rick glared at and taunted O'Malley while the detective was dancing, telling him

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Advocate Has No Comment on Person Fired in EST Dispute

By Jim Marko

SAN MATEO, CA — The publisher of the *Advocate*, David Goodstein, has no comment on the firing of an employee who has charged that he was let go because he refused to participate in an EST program.

James Smith, an advertising assistant at the paper, claimed that he was fired by the paper's national advertising director because he refused to join the regular EST program or to take a special EST program for *Advocate* employees.

The EST program is described as a "60-hour experience to realize the potential of our lives and an educational experience to enhance aliveness and well-being." Critics of the program have called it nothing more than a brainwashing technique and a thinly disguised religion.

James Smith told the San Francisco daily *Sentinel* that *Advocate* publisher David Goodstein said that unless Smith took EST he would lose his chance for promotion and lose salary increases. The *Sentinel* reported that several *Advocate* employees have confirmed Smith's story that he was fired because of his opposition to EST.



Advocate publisher David Goodstein

GCN contacted the *Advocate* but was unable to speak to Goodstein. A spokesperson, who would not identify himself, told GCN that the firing was "between Mr. Smith and his supervisor." "It's no one else's business," the spokesperson said.

When asked if this meant that Goodstein would have no comment on the matter, the spokesperson tersely

repeated himself saying that the firing of Smith was "no one else's business." The spokesperson also had no comment on any EST programs at the *Advocate*.

In its story, the *Sentinel* quoted Smith as saying that the "high echelon at the *Advocate* are disciples of EST and they are intimidating other people here to take it."

GCN has learned that Goodstein has a definite purpose in mind concerning the EST program. According to a highly placed source within the paper, the *Advocate* publisher plans to use the EST graduates in two political organizations, the Advocate Political Action Fund (APAF) and the Advocate Research and Education Fund (AREF).

Goodstein is beginning his own "gay version of EST." The program, which he has christened "The Advocate Experience," has been approved by EST founder Werner Ehrard. "The Experience," given free to *Advocate* employees, will cost the general public \$150 for a two day session.

GCN was told by its source at the paper that Goodstein is refusing advertising for fund-raising efforts in Eugene, Oregon, and Wichita, Kansas,

where the gay communities face Dade County-like referenda. Goodstein is refusing that paid advertising because, GCN was told, it would interfere with his own fund-raising efforts for the new political organizations.

There are changes beginning in the *Advocate* staff following Goodstein's "Experience" efforts. Reportedly Sasha Gregory-Lewis, the paper's senior editor, has left that position to become a "consultant" to the paper. Randy Shilts, a veteran journalist at the *Advocate* and a reporter for television station KQED, has already resigned.

Shilts told GCN that he "objects to Goodstein forcing people into taking EST." "But I am really offended," he added, "by the political fundraising of APAF and AREF — it undermines my professional standing as a reporter to be part of a political group."

The fired employee, James Smith, has contacted the American Civil Liberties Union about filing suit against the *Advocate* for attempting to deny his constitutional rights. The *Advocate* is currently involved in a suit charging it with discrimination against women in employment.

Nearly 50 Charged After Increase in Arrests at Boston Library

BOSTON — An extraordinary increase in the number of arrests at the first floor men's room of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square was reported last week. Police records indicate that nearly fifty men were arrested on various charges (such as open and gross lewdness, indecent exposure, unnatural acts, and even prostitution) during a five-day period.

Most of the arrests were made by Officer Angelo Toricci, an "attractive, young" plainclothes officer who, according to some of the men who

were arrested, stood nearby the urinals "masturbating himself to encourage sexual advances." One man, who was in the men's room on legitimate business declined the officer's advances, and reported that the officer asked him, "Are you gay?" he responded, "Yes, but I'm not interested," and the officer then proceeded to arrest him.

Observed in Boston Municipal Court during the arraignments, Toricci's statement of facts was the same for each defendant. He observed the de-

fendant masturbating in the men's room. While some of the men agreed to the submission of facts during their arraignments (and had their cases continued without a finding for one year), others intend to press for a trial to accuse the officer of concocting nonexistent charges.

Boston Police Capt. James McDonald, of District Four, told GCN that the plainclothes officers were assigned to the library at the request of the library management and on the com-

plaints of numerous citizens who said they were solicited in the men's room. "I sent them there because we got so many calls from private citizens we had to do something. I believe in gay rights, but they don't extend to public restrooms," McDonald said.

All men visiting the library should be aware that many of the men who have been arrested did nothing illegal. Therefore, extreme caution should be exercised in all parts of the library at all times.

News Notes

ATTENDING BOSTON REPS

BOSTON — In response to requests from several readers, GCN has tabulated the attendance records of the four Boston state representatives whose districts include large segments of the gay community.

There were 770 roll-call votes during the 1977 session of the House, according to the Journals of the House. An analysis of the roll-calls reveals:

— Rep. Barney Frank of Back Bay and Beacon Hill was absent for 10 votes, for an attendance record of 98.7%.

— Rep. Mel King, whose new district includes most of the South End and Fenway, was absent for 97 votes, for an attendance record of 87.4%.

— Rep. Roland Orlandi, whose new district includes the North End, waterfront, downtown, and parts of Beacon Hill and the South End, was absent for 152 votes, for an attendance record of 80.2%.

— Rep. Elaine Noble, whose district has been divided between Frank, King, Rep. William Galvin (D-Brighton), and Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald (D-Mission Hill), was absent for 215 roll-call votes, for an attendance record of 72%.

MASS. ERA

BOSTON — In an effort to fully implement the Mass. Equal Rights Amendment, hundreds of women, supporters and friends throughout the state have formed the Mass. ERA Implementation Coalition.

The Coalition has set for itself the task of "organizing the massive lobbying effort it will take to bring all of Massachusetts' laws into compliance." Help is needed in all areas of the Coalition's effort and in all areas of the state. Interested people should contact the Coalition at 68 Devonshire St., 5th floor, Boston 02190 or by phone at 617-742-8020.

JANUS THERAPY GROUP

BOSTON — Janus Counseling is offering a therapy group for women with long-term problems with depression, anxiety and troubled relationships.

The primary focus of the group will be on building interpersonal skills and problem-solving to understand and meet one's personal needs. The group will meet on Wednesday nights 7:30 to 9:30 starting March 29.

For more information call Gail Harris or Laura Rood at Janus Counseling Associates, 661-2537.

LESBIAN SELF-HELP

CAMBRIDGE — A lesbian self-help group begins at the Women's Community Health Center on May 3. The four weekly sessions will be held between 7 and 10 p.m.

The group is being formed to deal with "whole body care, to share information about sexually transmissible diseases, and to discuss issues like lesbian sexuality and lesbians and children.

For more information contact the Women's Community Health Center, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA 02139, telephone 617-547-2303.

POLICE SEX-CHANGE

WASHINGTON, DC — A police officer here who is seeking a sex change operation has been placed on sick leave by the department after refusing to stop treatments and refusing to undergo psychotherapy.

The officer was placed on sick leave on Jan. 27 and as of Feb. 27 has been on leave without pay. The police department will now decide whether it wants to fire the officer, retire him or allow him to return to active duty.

The unnamed officer has been living full-time as a woman but had been going to work in a suit and tie. He said that he will return to work "dressed only as a woman."

In his seven years with the DC police, the officer, who is 34, has received 18 commendations and worked as an undercover officer. A spokesperson for Chief Burtell Jefferson said the chief could not comment on the case until a decision is made on what action the department will take.

GERASSI AND BOSTON/BOISE

BOSTON — Dr. John Gerassi, journalist, author and a Professor of Political Science at San Francisco State College in California, will speak Monday night, March 20, at 8 p.m. at the Old West Church, Cambridge St., Boston.

Gerassi will speak on the topic: "Boston and Boise: Parallels." His appearance is sponsored by the Boston/Boise Committee. Gerassi has authored numerous books including *The Boys of Boise*, an expose of the witchhunt in Boise, Idaho, 23 years ago, which led to ruin, suicide and murder for many of the gay men prosecuted in an alleged sex ring case.

NORTHEAST NOW

ALBANY, NY — The Northeast Regional Conference of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will be held in Albany April 7-9. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Inn Towne Motor Inn, 300 Broadway in Albany. Registration prior to April 1 is \$10. The single day fee for the conference, prior to April 1 is \$7.50. After April 1, registration is \$15, and the single day fee is \$10.

Room reservations should be made directly to the hotel and must be made by March 24. A \$10 deposit must accompany reservations and you should indicate that you are with NOW in order to note that your room is tax-exempt.

For further information about the conference call Sue Stevens in Averill Park, NY, 518-286-0496.

BOSTON PD BUST ONE

BOSTON — An 18-year-old Manchester (NH) man was arrested early Monday morning, March 13, by Boston Police at the Bradford Hotel after police received a report that he had assaulted and robbed a 22-year-old gay man from Boston, whom he met in the downtown area. Gary Royer of Manchester was charged with unarmed robbery, assault and battery, and possession of marijuana.

Boston Municipal Court Judge Frank A. Foster ordered Royer held on \$100 bail until a March 22 trial.

ORDINANCE GOES TO S.F. BOARD

SAN FRANCISCO — The Fire, Safety and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors has approved a proposed ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The unanimously passed ordinance proposal would protect all San Franciscans in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The committee voted to send the ordinance to the full Board on March 20 with a recommendation for passage. The ordinance would cover all employers of over five persons, all employment agencies and labor organizations, all housing units except owner-occupied buildings of less than three units, and all public accommodations.

MCC NOTES CHANGES

BOSTON — Bible study and Bible-related discussion topics are now part of the mid-week services at the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston.

The service, of a shorter duration, will include small prayer groups of "personal sharing." Following a break for coffee, MCC/Boston plans varied "raps" related to a Bible context.

On alternate weeks there will be a Bible Study only. Check the GCN Calendar for events at MCC/Boston at 131 Cambridge St., in the Old West Church.

EAVES OUT IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, GA — Reginald Eaves, the controversial Public Safety Commissioner of this city, was suspended by Mayor Marnard Jackson. Jackson let Eaves go charging that he had committed "serious errors in judgment" that had resulted in "severe damage" to the city's reputation.

Eaves had been accused of giving a selected group of black officers permission to look over a promotion examination before taking it. He denied the charge. Eaves was also at the center of a dispute concerning a lie detector test given to prospective officers (GCN, Vol. 5, No. 23). One of the questions on the test concerned the prospective employee's sexuality.

TRI-CITY NATIONAL DEFENSE

HOLLYWOOD, CA — Author Del Martin and former Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich have been named spokespersons for the Tri-City National Defense Fund.

The Fund has been created to do national fund-raising for the three upcoming battles for gay rights ordinances. Money collected on a national basis will be used in St. Paul, Minnesota where an initiative is set for April 25; in Eugene, Oregon, where voters go to the polls on May 23; and in Wichita, Kansas, where a referendum is being held on May 9.

Martin, a long-time lesbian activist and author of *Lesbian/Woman*, called on gay people throughout the country to "give generously, dig deep in your pockets, it's your skin at stake."

"What happens in these cities," Martin said, "affects the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in America. We have to fight to retain the hard-won gains we have made."

Contribution should be made to Tri-City National Defense Fund, Box 3949, Hollywood, CA 90028.

BEST ACTOR RUSSELL

WEST BERLIN, GER — Craig Russell has been named best actor at the 28th Berlin Film Festival. The award to Russell was for his performance in the Canadian film, "Outrageous."

Russell's performance as a female impersonator in the well-received film was ignored by the Academy for Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in the US. The film did not receive a nomination at this year's Academy Awards.

BROOKLYN DEMO

BROOKLYN, NY — The Faggot Freedom Fighters (FFF) have announced plans to picket a restaurant in Brooklyn each weekend until a gay employee is re-hired.

Robert Storm said he was fired without cause from Henry's End on 44 Henry St., Brooklyn on February 26 because of his homosexuality. Storm indicated that his firing occurred when he complained to the owner that another employee was sexually molesting him. He has filed a discrimination complaint with the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

WOMEN'S BAIL FUND

BOSTON — If you are arrested and don't have the money to pay your bail, you might need the help of Boston's Women's Bail Fund. The fund is operated by the Boston Bail Project, a collective of women who have been doing work concerning bail issues since 1974.

The Project provides bail assistance to women and men arrested and jailed in the Boston area. A major part of their work is raising money and providing information and advice to pre-trial prisoners, their families, and friends. The Project is in the process of producing a pamphlet which would detail bail rights and procedures, including how to get bail reductions or be released on one's own recognizance.

The Women's Bail Fund believes that the bail system "capsulizes all the injustices in this society." "Bail," the group says, "is based on the concept that you can get your freedom only if you have the money to buy it. In addition to the basic economic discrimination inherent in bail, many Boston judges use their power to set higher bails on people of color."

For more information contact the Bail Fund at 1151 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138, or call 491-1575.

ANITA QUESTING

SCHROON LAKE, NY — Anita Bryant will headline a gathering called "Youth Quest '78" the weekend of May 26. The "Quest" is sponsored by the Word of Life Fellowship, a Bible-oriented Christian group, and will be attended, organizers say, by some 10,000 people.

Bryant will appear at the Memorial Day rally at which she is scheduled to sing and preach. The group's literature urges people to register early for the "Quest" (which costs \$29) to hear "the courageous, inspiring, delightful Anita Bryant."

Lesbians Make 'Charges' Against Government

Women's Day Brings 1,000 to Boston Rally

By Nancy Wechsler

BOSTON — Over 1,000 women marched through downtown Boston on Saturday, March 11 to celebrate International Women's Day. The marchers carried signs supporting the ERA and women's right to choose abortion, opposing the proposed unit for "violent" women at Worcester State Hospital, calling for an end to forced sterilization, or simply stating "Women Support Women" and "Women Unite."

This year marked the 68th anniversary of the celebration of International Women's Day. Begun in 1910 as an expression of solidarity with women workers in New York City, who were fighting against conditions of sweatshops and child labor, the date has grown into an international celebration of women's strength and support of women's struggles.

Women who organized the demonstration explained, "This is an important time for a large public event. All across the country we are experiencing attempts to cut away at gains made by women over the past ten years. The right of all women to abortion is systematically being eroded . . . monies for childcare centers have been slashed . . . welfare mothers are feeling the squeeze . . . the ERA still needs three more states for ratification . . . lesbians (and gay men) are still



International Women's Day march moving down Park Street

struggling for the most basic human rights . . . moves to stop affirmative action have been launched. The right-wing and new right forces in the USA have become better organized and are focusing their offensive on issues of sexual politics."

The demonstration was sponsored by the Coalition for International Women's Day, composed of groups and individuals in a wide range of political work — the Abortion Action

Coalition (Cambridge-Boston), Abortion Rights Coalition (Framingham-Natick), Cambridge Women's Center, Somerville Women's Center, Combahee River Collective (a black feminist group), NOW, Transition House (refuge for battered women), Women's School, Cambridgeport Day Care Center, and Women Against Violence Against Women.

The organizers seemed pleased with the turnout. Leslie Cagan told GCN,

"The size and energy of the demonstration is a reflection of the commitment that people have to hook-up and make links with each other, even if they are working on different projects. A strength of this demonstration was that we didn't pick just one issue to focus on or make more important than anything else. As a movement, we understand that each of the struggles we work around is important and a part of a whole picture. As a movement, we are most powerful when we make links with each other."

Women started gathering at the Boston Common around 11:30 that morning, where there was singing, music and demonstrations of self-defense and karate. As the number of women grew, the march started down Beacon Street to Tremont Street. Reaching 100 Arlington St., site of the afternoon rally, people gathered around and chanted "Power to the women, power to the women right now," as women pounded out the rhythm on a U.S. mail box. Moving inside for the rally, marchers were greeted by the fine, loud and clear voices of New Harmony Sisterhood Band.

The rest of the day consisted of music, workshops in areas of concern to women, and a Women's Tribunal. The tribunal was set-up for women to have a chance to "point the finger at the real criminals in this society."

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Bryant Invited to Testify Before Providence City Council

PROVIDENCE, RI — Anita Bryant has been invited to testify before the Providence City Council Committee on Ordinances when it meets to consider the Providence Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Ordinance on March 22. The proposed ordinance includes a prohibition against discrimination because of sexual orientation. The invitation was made by Councilmember Thomas Pearlman, who has been the leading opponent of the measure. Pearlman has also invited a number of Fundamentalists to testify at the committee meeting.

It is not clear, however, that Bryant would be permitted to testify even if she should accept Pearlman's invitation. Committee chair Vincent Cirrelli has indicated that the meeting on

March 22 would not take more public testimony on the proposal, but would proceed directly to a vote on a series of amendments to the ordinance and then vote on whether to recommend the measure to the full Council. All 34 speakers at a hearing held Nov. 29 spoke in favor of the ordinance, and there is reportedly some sentiment on the committee to allow opponents of the ordinance to testify on March 22.

The Providence Human Relations Commission, sponsor of the proposed ordinance, has urged Chair Cirrelli not to re-open the hearings. The Rhode Island Gay Political Caucus has promised legal action against the City Council if the meeting is turned into a public hearing without proper notice, or if only those opposed to the measure are permitted to speak.

The ordinance has picked up more support in the last week as a coalition of organizations, led by Rhode Island Working Women, held a news conference to press for passage. The measure was also endorsed by the State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Human Relations Commission sources report that chances for passage of the controversial sexual orientation provisions remain poor, despite growing administration support for its inclusion. Passage of the remaining portions of the ordinance, while still considered likely, has become a much closer issue as Fundamentalist opposition has turned to the ordinance's prohibition against sex discrimination. Some business opposition has also materialized, centering criticism on the alleged redundancy of civil rights laws.

Councilmember Pearlman's invitation to Anita Bryant comes amid reports that he is planning to run for state Attorney General. Pearlman, a Republican, has made a reputation as legal counsel for several church groups defending state aid to parochial schools through several suits in Federal District Court. He also introduced a resolution to abolish the Providence Human Relations Commission after it submitted the ordinance with its inclusion of the sexual orientation language last spring. At that time Pearlman told Commission executive director Benjamin Little, "When you deal with filth, you get treated like filth."

Speculation concerning Pearlman's plans have circulated in the City Council for several months and was reported recently in the *Providence Journal Bulletin*.

Gaps in State Services to Gays in Harbor Area Noted

By Susan Grant

BOSTON — Susan Rosen, Director of the Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS), appeared at a public hearing on "Gaps in Human Services in the Harbor Area." She stated her case clearly and simply at the outset of her testimony. "There are no state-funded mental health services for gay people," Rosen said, "and that's a rather large gap in human services."

The hearing was held on March 8 at the Lindemann Center, the mental health complex serving the Harbor Mental Health Area — the geographic region that includes Beacon Hill, the West End, Charlestown, East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere. Sponsored by the Mass. Dept. of Human Services, the umbrella institution

which is planning a joint budget for all state human service agencies, the hearing was held to provide area residents with input to the budgeting process.

Representatives of Harbor area private agencies and a number of citizens spoke before a team of state agency planners about the unmet needs of the elderly, the retarded, drug abusers, youth and other groups. Rosen was the only person representing the area's gay community, which she described as among the largest in the city of Boston.

Noting that "homophobia in the mental health profession has made it hard for gay clients to find competent therapy in conventional agencies,"

Rosen pointed out that HCHS had been founded to fill the needs of gays for empathetic, low-cost professional mental health care. She stated that close to one-quarter of the 2,000 clients served at HCHS since 1971 had been Harbor area residents, and that the majority of these were low-income people who could not afford private therapy but did not qualify for Medicaid-subsidized care.

"Our clients are people whom the state-funded system is supposed to serve but does not serve adequately," Rosen stated. She pointed out that "HCHS is providing community mental health care for Harbor area residents, but receives no budgetary support from the area's community

mental health institutions." "Gay people," Rosen noted, "are also taxpayers." She urged the planning team to consider the needs of the gay community in planning future services for the area.

After the formal hearing, a member of the planning team stated that he thought that Rosen's presentation would be effective in alerting the team to the existence of the area's gay community, which had not formerly been considered as an entity in service planning. Another state official was also interested in the idea of including the needs of gays in the budget. However, that official was also pessimistic about any new funding for the area.

community voices

closet mentality

Dear GCN,

There was a comment in last week's GCN that disturbed me, and I call it to your attention because it expresses an attitude I've encountered more than once recently.

In "PP&F" (3/11/78), Eric Rogers complains that the *Village Voice's* cover story on "Men and Boys Together" is, in his words, "enough to send Anita and her troops to Boston." Similar statements have been made, usually but not always in jest, and what they seem to be saying is, "Oh-oh! Anita's not going to approve of this," as if that threat should keep anyone from doing anything untoward. Let's all pretend we're not gay — that'll show her!

Sweeping under the carpet the reality of gay life — whether you're talking about boy-lovers, drag queens or fist-fuckers — in order to protect some kind of "acceptable" public image is just another version of the closet mentality. And despite cries of "sensationalistic crap," no one seems to dispute the facts included in the *Voice's* article, which I found to be informative, well-written and genuinely sympathetic.

Very truly yours,
Don Shewey
Cambridge, MA

no exploitation at gary

To the Editor:

In your March 11, 1978 edition, a letter appeared by Scott R. Alpert concerning the Gary Drug. I did have conversation with Mr. Alpert concerning the placement of GCN in my store, and told him that the main reason I didn't carry GCN was that it was not distributed by my periodical supplier. I also told Mr. Alpert, whom I had never seen before, that none of my regular customers had ever asked me to carry GCN, but that I would consider it. He then brought in 10-12 copies of GCN and left them. The copies sold out. A short time later he reappeared and asked again about the status of the GCN. I replied that it would be fine with me, and that he could arrange for their distribution to my store. This was my last conversation with Mr. Alpert, and it was an amicable one. It was also the last time I saw him.

What upsets me most about his letter is his quote in which I am supposed to have said that I would not be coerced by any group of queers. This is a total fabrication and, I might add, a libelous one. The only reason I can think of as to why he would say this is that perhaps he thought it would make his own ridiculous letter more interesting. I would like to state again that I never said this. In my business as well as my personal life, I deal with people on an individual basis. I do not exploit people. I do not categorize people. However, if I did categorize people, I would like to place Scott R. Alpert under the heading of goddam liar.

Sincerely yours,
Herman D. Greenfield
Gary Drug Co., Boston

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Warning

the issue was violence

Dear Editors:

The news article about Dr. Josette Mondanaro (p. 1, Feb. 25) created a very distorted impression of the incident, due to omission of critical facts. It makes it sound as if she were over-reacting to an issue of child-child sexuality.

The fact that in her disputed letter, Dr. Mondanaro was criticizing a male colleague who had written (in *Human Behavior* magazine) to the effect that violent rape of children should not be considered to have any serious lasting effect on the victim(s). His rationalization was that there were no lengthy professional/academic studies to prove the obvious. In practical terms the effects of this attitude in medical and psychiatric circles would be to help legislators, judges and jurors take rape less seriously — through the requirement and influence of "expert testimony". The man's article tried to confuse the issue by citing the probably true idea that (some) children have erotic experiences with each other. As if peaceful eroticism between friends were somehow similar to brutality directed at a child's "sexual" parts and mind.

The issue was violence. Supposed childhood eroticism was just a smoke-screen. Dr. Mondanaro was refuting this diversionary tactic and the man's gross insensitivity. In an interview with Tom Snyder (NBC-TV) she discussed the issue of so-called "sexual"-violence against the young, and cited a very extreme incident of an abused toddler she had seen who had gonorrhea of the throat from it.

The ever-calculating Gov. Brown fired her after a competitor stole the letter from Dr. M's files, and brought it to him. He decided (it is reported) instantly after reading it on the grounds that she had used State stationery (signed 'Josette') to answer a personal letter from a woman colleague in New York. And because of a bit of ripe language which men use everyday. It seems the governor was afraid his conservative opponent in the next election might use the language-on-State-paper (by-a-lesbian) riff against him . . . whereas former Chief Ed Davis turned out to be ahead of him on the issue!

This is not to encourage the type of phony breast-beating which condemns rapists of the young (but not the 'old') to death. In rhetoric, that tradition is well established in the violence against such people in prisons and against individuals suspected of peaceful-sex across age lines (as in the *Globe*). Author Maya Angelou tells of being raped by her uncle, who was beaten to death by a mob shortly after she told someone. This kind of rhetoric proves to be phony, because it is the same kind of 'conservative' and 'moderate' folk who invariably oppose reforming the prisons so that weaker individuals would not be predictably set-up for widespread rape and other violence. (See *Soho Weekly News*, 1/12/78, on rape and official intransigence in a juvenile prison agency.)

If GCN is critical of the *Globe* for neglecting to retract its distortion by omission, tricky language, innuendos, and trial-by-press tactics, then I think you should correct yourself when you err on the other side of the issue, as well.

Sincerely,
Jim Davis
Brooklyn, NY

indivisibility of sexual freedom

People:

The shooting of Larry Flynt cannot and should not be ignored by the gay community. Flynt has now become one of many people who over the past year have been unreasonably prosecuted by the government and subsequently persecuted by individuals, all because someone in a high place did not like his or her ideas about sex. A brief and far from complete list: the 24 men charged in Boston with having had sex with teenagers, many of whom face life imprisonment, all of whom have suffered financially and psychologically; Robert Hillsborough, murdered by homophobic kids; Susan Saxe, part of whose crime was certainly that she is a Lesbian; Harry Reems, actor/star of *Deep Throat*, prosecuted at enormous expense to himself by some officials in Tennessee; any number of Lesbian mothers who have had their children taken from them by courts and whose stories we've read in this paper; any number of men and women in the Armed Services who have been discharged after announcing their gayness or having it discovered, and whose stories we've also read here; the entire gay community of Dade County and now of several municipalities, where bigots want to destroy the work of many years and re-legalize discrimination.

Unlike the people of Dade however, or Lesbian mothers, whose plight receives our automatic sympathy, many in the gay community have reservations about support for a Larry Flynt or Harry Reems (who, after all, were charged with *straight* sex crimes), or Susan Saxe (who, after all, was a bank robber), or the men currently under indictment in Boston (who did, it's alleged, have sex with persons under the age of consent).

The most prominent and sorriest example of this selective trend here in Massachusetts in Rep. Elaine Noble, who, because she does not approve of sex between men and boys, has not felt any need to condemn the actions of the District Attorney, or to question the severity of the sentences facing the men, or to investigate the way the boys (whom she says she is concerned about) were treated by police. Rep. Noble also co-sponsored a bill which now makes it possible for the police to prosecute male hustlers (those same boys she worries about) as stupidly as they have female prostitutes — surely as giant a step backward in the name of equal treatment as we are likely to see. And, perhaps not too surprisingly, she flew West recently to help a candidate backed by David Goodstein, the most prominent proponent of the theory of the good homosexual and the bad.

What I believe, and what I hope we will come to recognize as a community, is that no person should suffer for advocating a sexual act, depicting it, or engaging in it, so long as force is not involved. Any person persecuted for a sex crime is our brother or sister and receives our sympathy and support. We can't afford to discriminate on any basis; to do so denies the humanity of those charged with these offenses, and bogs us down in the most ridiculous and parochial arguments. If we support Lesbian mothers, we must support Larry Flynt; if Susan Saxe, then Leonard Matlovich; if gay teachers, then men who have sex with boys.

Otherwise we are no better than our enemies; we presume to tell others how, where, and when to engage in what is the most private emotion, we condemn or support out of personal prejudice, and we weaken ourselves internally and ignore the opportunity to make common cause with non-gay people whose like lives are under similar attack.

I hope we won't ignore what's happened to Larry Flynt or what's happening here. These cases affect us all, not just because they are part of the attack of the new Radical Right, which is so fashionable to talk about, but because they force us to examine our own commitment to human rights and sexual freedom for all people.

Signed,
Bill Weintraub
Cambridge, MA

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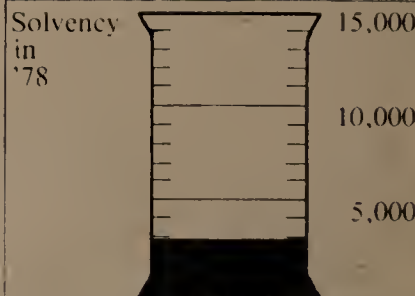
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speaking out

Body Politic, Snuff, Oppression

The following came from the Bloomington (Indiana) Gay Rights Coalition which voted unanimously to write it. The Coalition is a political action group open to members of all sexual identities and sexual preferences. You can contact the Bloomington Gay Rights Coalition, 400 S. Henderson, #2, Bloomington, Ind. 47401. Telephone 812-339-8169.

On December 30, 1977, one of the most highly regarded gay/feminist publications in the world was raided and effectively closed down by the police. *The Body Politic*, which is run by a collective of gay/feminist socialists in Toronto, was the target of a sudden police raid. Several collective members were arrested and charged with "use of the mails for . . . transmitting anything that is obscene, indecent, immoral or scurrilous." Although any reasonable person would know that it would only be necessary for the police to seize one copy of the issue in question, the police carted away 12 crates of *Body Politic's* possessions, including the complete subscription list, manuscripts, correspondence, and in general all the papers it takes to run a magazine. Also seized were the papers and all the books printed and offered for sale by *The Pink Triangle Press*, which publishes books of gay interest. *Body Politic* and *Pink Triangle Press* are effectively crippled by the seizure of their possessions and the legal problems of collective members.

We have written this letter for two reasons. For one, we want everyone in the gay/lesbian/feminist community to know of this oppressive attack on one of our leading vehicles of communication. Presses and publication are undoubtedly the most effective media for spreading the ideas and news of the gay and feminist movements. We would like to suggest that everyone send money to the defense fund for *The Body Politic* and the *Pink Triangle Press*. A feminist law firm will be handling their case; however there will be many costs. The courts are often used more to financially decimate defendants than to bring about a fair and just trial. Send contributions to Cornish, King, Sachs and Waldman, Barristers and Solicitors, 111 Richmond St., West, Suite 320, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5H 3N6. Checks should be made out to "Lynn King in trust for the Body Politic Free the Press Fund."

Secondly, we would like to point out a simple moral lesson from this event. In the last few years, more and more feminist and lesbian groups in the U.S. and Canada have been involved with censorship and anti-pornography campaigns. In most cases, this has centered on opposition to pornographic materials that glorify violence against women, such as the movie "Snuff." What many of these women fail to realize is that their support of censorship only lends fuel to the enemies of feminism and gayness. Even the stupidest of prosecutors, police, or anti-porn campaigners realizes that serious gay and feminist publications and books pose a much greater threat to their traditional view of society and family than does the hardest of hard core porn. An issue of *Body Politic* or a publication from a feminist press such as *Diana Press* will spread more new ideas, influence more people, cause more action for gay liberation and feminism than any number of showings of the movie "Snuff" will inspire violence. For this reason, the target of nominal anti-pornography campaigns is bound to be political writings that support sexual freedom. Such was the case in Toronto. We are sure there is as much "pornography" in Toronto as any other city, yet the police used the anti-obscenity laws to close down a political magazine whose appeal to "prurient interest" would be hard to find, unless somebody out here is getting off on scholarly book reviews or news reports of police raids on gay bars, the usual content of *Body Politic*. The specific article for which *Body Politic* was cited was an interview with three men who have been sexually involved with boys. The tone and intent of the article was clearly stated to be an unbiased inquiry into the nature of people involved in this type of sexual activity. The purpose was clearly to educate readers. *The Body Politic* is a self-examining publication that has been so free of sexism or erotica that it can publish an article on that topic without sensationalism. The police were able to hone in on that article at a time when "child pornography" is a topic of great interest and crusades, and use it as an excuse for censorship of everything *Body Politic* stands for, by effectively closing down the magazine.

A search through recent feminist, lesbian, and gay publications will show many examples of communities where feminists and lesbians have actively participated in censorship campaigns, particularly in regard to the movie "Snuff." The December-January issue of *Body Politic* details one such event. In that case in Toronto, women finally became aware that their support was being exploited by anti-feminist, anti-gay censors, and abandoned the campaign. But in other cases there has been a shocking lack of introspection among lesbians and feminists. For example, last November some members of our group were informed by a lesbian from Rochester, NY, that a lesbian group there was working with the straight community on a clean-up campaign of the city's porno bookstores. It was shocking to hear that apparently no one in the Rochester lesbian community had made the connection that this censorship campaign was very likely to end up attacking the feminist and gay books selling in that city. Our crusading enemies, the Anita Bryants and her nasty followers, make no distinction between pornographic and feminist or gay liberation publications. They know which of these are greater threats to their ideas of how humans should behave sexually. They will gleefully censor everything they can get their hands on. The only thing that stops them are other citizens who fight to defend the right of freedom of the press and free speech. Yet, what are some lesbian and feminist groups, such as the one in Rochester, doing? They are aligning themselves with the bookburners, under the mistaken impression that only the types of pornography that feminists object to will be censored. Once allowed and supported, there is no end to censorship. Who will appoint the censors, who will judge what is censurable? Does anyone think that the

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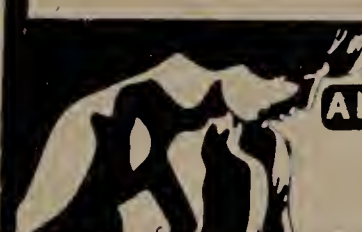
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to stop bothering him about the murder and threatening legal action if he didn't. Richard also says that Rick and Rob waited upstairs at the entrance to the club for 1½ minutes as if to encourage the altercation. Rick and Rob, needless to say, contend that the attack was totally unprovoked. All three parties concur that O'Malley was drunk. ("He really shouldn't drink so much," says Donald Richard.)

The next day, both young men met with lawyers to formulate a course of action against O'Malley. There are two basic methods to handle police brutality complaints, each with distinct advantages and disadvantages.

They could seek an investigation by the Boston Police Department's own Internal Affairs Division (IAD). The IAD is the "secret police" within the police department and if their investigation produces damaging evidence against O'Malley, he could be suspended or discharged. A few police department employees are disciplined this way every year.

IAD critics charge that because its investigators are also police detectives, the "police fraternity" prevents an objective finding. Lawyers who have worked with them say that the IAD lies to complainants about the confidentiality of their complaints and makes it exceptionally difficult to prove that a police officer did anything wrong. It should be noted, however, that if IAD merely refuted every complaint it received, then the police commissioner would be forced to assume, a) that he has a perfect department, or b) that IAD isn't doing its job. They have to find some bad officers to justify their existence.

They could also file a civil suit against O'Malley in U.S. District Court under the Civil Rights Act, which makes it unlawful for any agent of the state (e.g., a police officer) to deprive another person of his or her civil rights. Because such a suit could take 3 or 4 years and cost a lot in lawyer's fees, it may not seem like the best resolution, although some lawyers prefer it because it keeps the investigation in the hands of the complainants — not the police.

In a federal suit, one could get stuck with a homophobic jury. Even if the men win and the jury awards them damages, there is no guarantee that O'Malley will be able to pay the award. And even if he does pay the award, the federal suit will have no binding effect on the detective's employment in the Boston Police Department. In other words, the young men could win their case and this officer would still be on the job, maybe beating up other gay people, maybe even being promoted.

When it became known that Rick and Rob were planning action against O'Malley (the federal suit is in the making, the IAD complaint is still being considered), things began to happen. Police Commissioner Joseph Jordan, upon learning of the incident 13 hours later, "threw up his arms in disgust," according to an aide. Deputy Police Supt. Anthony Leone expressed concern that one of his detectives was dancing at a gay bar, but was relieved upon learning that his partner was a woman.

But the strongest reaction came from Donald Richard, who is, by his own admission, a close friend of O'Malley. Richard insists that it was Rick that started the fight. But if Rick slugged a police officer, why wasn't he arrested? Richard contends that the incident happened at the entrance to his club, and he is therefore not responsible. (A fight in a licensed premise could bring the bar up for charges before the Licensing Board.) On March 8, Richard told me he would be willing to com-

pensate the two men (one independent source quoted a price of \$10,000) if they would drop all charges against O'Malley. Two days later, he denied making any such offer.

The two men received threats against them, as well, for seeking action against O'Malley. The threats have been attributed not to Richard but to persons associated with other bars in District One. Obviously, this is one detective with friends.

The case here is not against Together, which, under Richard's management, has become popular with many segments of the gay community which other bars feel necessary to exclude. Together, because of its urban, if not urbane, clientele, demonstrates the fundamentally democratic nature of the liquor industry: there is truly a bar for *everyone*. With the old Bay Village troublemakers now keeping to themselves at the Mad Hatter in their native South Boston, Together has done a pretty good job — certainly better, as far as gay safety goes, than the old Other Side.

The real case is against O'Malley. What was he doing drunk just before going on duty? Does he pay for his drinks? Why are other bar managers so anxious to protect him?

Asking around District One about Peter O'Malley is like snooping around Anetevka asking about the Czar. "He is absolutely vicious," says a social worker who helps delinquent and runaway gay teenagers. "Nobody will tell you anything about O'Malley, he's been around too long," says an ex-bartender at one gay bar. "I hear he has a lot of friends but I can't say much more," says the manager of another gay bar. "He watches too much Baretta," opined another businessman.

At District One, one of O'Malley's superiors would only say that the detective sometimes gets too excited about his work. Lowell police were at first grateful that they were working with a Boston detective who knew the downtown bar scene inside-out, but they are now peeved at O'Malley for botching up their murder investigation. (Rick and Rob have refused to talk with the police any further.)

Police are still checking out a few leads in the Barbre murder. They have been hampered in their efforts not only by O'Malley's apparent over-diligence, but by their own ineptitude. Why were the State Police not called into the case for 12 days? Why was the autopsy on Barbre not performed in a hospital and why did it not include checking for blood and semen samples? Has anyone considered whether O'Malley may be the one who knows the true story of the murder and that this attack on two previously cooperative witnesses may have been just a device to distract the investigation.

These are among the many twists and turns in this Byzantine affair that have yet to be straightened out. They are indicative of the problems that some police officers investigating gay-related crime suffer because of their own homophobia. They suggest a relationship between O'Malley and the businesses in District One that is at best unprofessional, and at worst, corrupt. And they also point to the supersensitivity of gay businesses to adverse publicity, something that gay newspapers must deal with constantly because of the real need for advertising revenue and the equally real need for truthful news.

The only things that are certain here are that Dale Barbre is dead and that Lowell police are not much closer to solving his murder now than they were on February 2. And Peter O'Malley didn't help very much.

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"Charges" were brought against the government, the church and corporations for crimes against women's right to economic independence, women's right to be mothers, for crimes against violence against women, and for crimes against women's reproductive freedom and sexuality. The first charges were made in the area of employment, specifically for unsafe working conditions, low paying jobs, and denial of pregnancy benefits by the Supreme Court. Women stood up and read charges against the government for not providing child care, against the corporations for pushing unsafe baby food products in the Third World, and against the courts for denying lesbian mothers the right to retain custody of their children.

Woman after woman read the charges: "We indict the advertisers, especially the record companies, for using pictures of beaten and brutalized women to titillate customers and increase sales"; "We indict the courts

for sentencing Ella Ellison, a black woman, to five natural life sentences in prison for a robbery she had no part in"; "We indict the government for condemning to death and injury all the women denied safe, legal abortion with the recent Hyde amendment and the Supreme Court decision of June 1977 which held that states may prohibit public funding for abortion"; "We indict the Catholic Church for being the major contributor to the financial support of anti-abortion activities"; "We indict the government for its programs of forced sterilization of Native American, Black and Hispanic Women."

Issues of lesbianism were raised throughout the entire day — in chants, signs, songs and at the Tribunal. When the Tribunal called for charges against those who commit crimes against sexuality, women stood up and added to the growing list. "We bring charges against the Supreme Court for letting stand the ruling in a state court in Washington that homosexuals are immoral and may be fired from their jobs"; "We bring charges against Anita Bryant for using the general lack of knowledge about lesbians and gay men to increase fear and misunderstanding and for totally ignoring the fact that some young people are gay"; "We bring charges against the church and the Phyllis Schlaflys and anti-gay crusaders for condemning all our rights to sexual expression and sexuality for purposes other than procreation."

Body Politic

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mayor of Rochester will appoint a censorship committee consisting of lesbians? When the police raid Rochester's feminist bookstore and close down Rochester's gay magazine, will they be accompanied by a group of lesbians? Perhaps when the gay and feminist publications are all closed down, will that same group of women go around sticking little pieces of paper on the locked doors of the gay and lesbian publication's offices that say "This Offends Women"? The movie "Snuff" is undoubtedly objectionable, a lot of books and movies are objectionable, but censorship — the end to a free press and freedom of speech — is the most obscene, most violent against women, children, and men, most objectionable of all pornography. We appeal to the people of the U.S., Canada, and the world, to cease all participation in any kind of censorship campaign. You're cutting your throats.

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There is a place for lesbian women with children. A group of women meets every Thursday night at the Cambridge Women's Center. It is there that lesbian mothers from different spaces find the support and understanding they need. They deal with issues such as being a gay parent and coming out to themselves and their children. It is within this group that women find out that they are not alone, that they are not freaks, and that to raise children or be a gay parent is not alien to being a homosexual. Other lesbians can understand some of our needs. Other mothers can also understand some of our needs. But only other lesbian mothers can really identify with our unique situation.

As a minority within a minority we often feel ignored or misunderstood by lesbians without children. We would like not to have to defend, explain, justify, or apologize for our lifestyles. As one woman put it,

"Finding this support group of lesbian mothers was like finding a home — a place where we can share our experiences, offer alternatives, suggestions and support. In addition to the help we can be to each other, we have also begun building a support network for our children. Even though I felt isolated before joining the group, I at least knew that somewhere there were other lesbian mothers."

The Lesbian Mother's Rap Group has been in existence for three and a half years. Some of the women who come to the meeting for the first time are afraid, because they do not know what to expect from the group. The women in the group have dealt with many heavy issues concerning their own sexuality, and being a parent. Perhaps because of the prejudices and rigid stereotypes we encounter from others, women in our group are particularly open-minded and non-judgmental. There is no one correct political line. We do not think we are raising perfect children. We are from many different beliefs and backgrounds, and find that we all have something to learn from each other without any pressure to conform to some ideal image. We can admit our failures to each other, share our fears, cry and sometimes even laugh over our frustrations. It is a warm, loving, sharing group of women.

One woman in particular who came into the group for the first time had this to say:

"I experienced a deep sense of need; however, I could not identify my need. I longed for a place or perhaps for a group of people who could listen to my doubts about my heterosexuality, who could support my

timid "public" exploration of my homosexuality. I was looking for people who wouldn't judge me but would encourage me to find my "true self", straight or gay. In overhearing a conversation at a do-it-yourself auto garage, I became aware of a group which had been meeting at the Cambridge Women's Center. One week later, I decided to go to one of the meetings. Twenty minutes was about as long as it took to realize I could trust these women. I spoke and introduced myself. I was clear about exploring my sexuality, apologized for not being able to say that I was a lesbian. Nowhere in the eyes of the women there did I see rejection. The women leaned toward me and listened to me. They didn't try to convince me that I was gay; they listened. They heard me say I need; they said it was alright to need, to want something for myself, to spend time exploring myself, and to reach out. These women made me feel good about being alive, and they welcomed me."

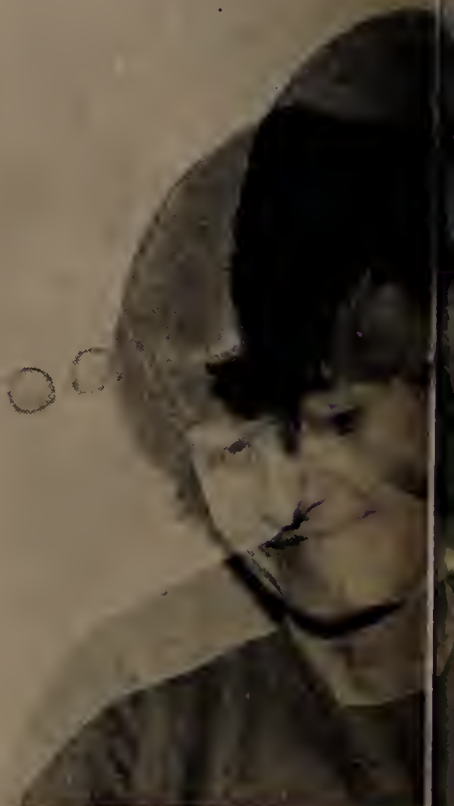
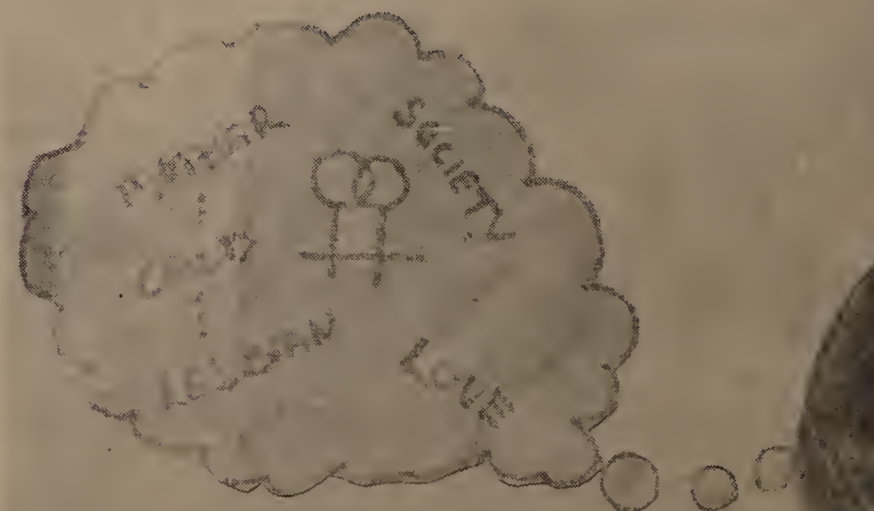
Another woman allayed her fears when she came to the meeting.

"When I first joined the group my lover was the only other lesbian mother I knew. I thought we were a rare breed — a lot rarer than we really are. When I found out about the group (through the Gay Community News listings), I wanted to go, but I had several hesitations. Would it be a closed group? It met in Cambridge. Did that mean I would be the only woman from the suburbs? Happily, the first meeting I attended eliminated all my fears. The women were incredibly warm and really welcomed new members. Also, there were women there not only from Cambridge, but from much farther away than I was. It was even better than I imagined, because there was a place in the group not only for me, but also for my son. As I made friends with the women, he made friends with their children."

Of course one of the first things women like to deal with in the group is how to come out to their children. One of the most traumatic things about being gay and having children is realizing that sooner or later the children will suspect that something is different about their mother. We in the group handle this issue very carefully. One woman came out to her twelve-year old son, and he became very angry about his mother loving another woman. She brought the issue up at the meeting, because she didn't know how to deal with her son's anger. But after she was able to get rid of her own anger and disappointment over her son's attitude, she was able to talk to him and explain homosexuality to him in a healthy way.

Within a couple of weeks, he calmed himself down about the whole thing, and now he accepts his mother and they seem to have a closer relationship with each other. Good healthy anger never hurt anyone. "Without honesty there is no real growth." We feel that being honest with our children is a lot easier than concealing the truth. Of course some of us are not ready to tell our children, but eventually they will have to be told. Sooner or later, that is one thing a lesbian mother has to deal with.

When a new woman comes to the rap group, she is given ample time to feel comfortable and we have no ex-



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pectations of new members. One woman came to the meetings for four straight weeks without saying one word. When she finally felt like saying something all she could say was how great it felt to be among such beautiful women. She no longer felt alone and isolated from the gay community. She felt like she belonged. She was relieved.

As lesbian mothers we realize that a woman's place is a woman's space. We do not object to women having their own space. Our concern is for our own acceptance in the community as lesbians with children. We are a part of the gay world. We exist and we are involved. Our children should not be overlooked or by-passed. They are people and, if childcare can be provided, there is no reason why anyone should put a sign anywhere insinuating that our children are not welcome. If a woman cannot get a baby-sitter but wants to attend a function in the community, then she should not be frowned upon because she brings a child. Of course there are places, such as the bars, where children should not be. This is understandable.

There have been past incidents where children were discriminated against, especially male children. As mothers of male children we resent this treatment of our sons, and we will not tolerate any such future attacks on our rights as mothers of male children. If that last statement sounds strong, then that is how strong we can become. To show you why we feel so strongly, here are two incidents that happened about a year ago. These incidents brought to our attention the discrimination our male children were experiencing. Our point here is not to discredit anyone or any lesbian dwelling in particular. We hope that women will understand that we can legitimize our case only by bringing up these two incidents.

A lesbian forum was taking place when a group of lesbian mothers entered a house in Cambridge, only to be stopped by a sign that read "NO BOYS ALLOWED." The mothers who had their sons with them were very angry. They walked into the building and left their sons outside, and then got every woman's attention by bringing up the matter in front of about thirty women. After their grievance was heard loud and clear, the sign was very abruptly taken down. By that time, the boys already knew that they weren't welcome, so they still stayed outside. One boy said to his mother, "I don't want to go in there, they don't like boys." Nevertheless, little people have big feelings.

Another incident took place which was a little more deliberate. A concert was being held at a popular women's restaurant and the leaflet announced that there would be childcare. But during the concert the performers made a lot of remarks about boys. They were not complimentary. The songs were direct attacks on anything or anyone representing maleness. The antagonistic remarks got some of the women in the audience very angry, so some of them walked out. As they were walking out of the restaurant, the performers laughed and clapped because they got rid of the "boys." Some of us brought the matter to the restaurant managers, and they assured us that the remarks were due to the ignorance of the performers and not the attitudes of the restaurant owners. From that point on, all their performers were aware of a group of lesbian mothers out there in the community somewhere.

Some lesbian separatists feel that to have a male person in the household is "like living with the enemy." To live in an all women atmosphere sounds ideal to some, but landing back to earth — male persons occupy the earth also. We like to think that we are not raising our sons to be Macho Pigs, nor do we feel that because they are male we should love them any less than we love our daughters. Our male children will grow up to be men, but being a lesbian doesn't necessarily mean that you automatically hate men. Can we as lesbian mothers reasonably maintain an anti-men attitude: that is to say, can we love our sons now, and when they become men hate them? Do all lesbians hate their brothers and their fathers?

We have approximately fifteen children involved with the group. To say a little about the activities for children, the mothers in the rap group pay 50¢ dues every week which go towards any events we have for the kids. Past events have included a Halloween party, suppers at various women's houses, roller-skating, and bowling. Also, last summer there were plenty of picnics and beach parties. Future plans are being made for some camping trips this summer. We try to have activities for the kids at least every four to five weeks.

We would like to see more mothers and more children. Last August the lesbian mothers group held a conference in Plymouth, Mass. The conference was a success, but it was hard to tell who was having more fun, the children or the grown-ups. The kids had their own rap sessions, and were very supportive towards their mothers being gay. The conference got the attention of many people including the Polaroid Corp., which gave us a generous grant. Because of its success, we are currently drawing up plans to hold a National Lesbian Mother's Conference in late summer. We have a core group of women who worked on the committee for the past conference, but especially noteworthy was the work of a woman named Donna.

We hope this article has reached some of the women who have children but are afraid to come out of the closet. Come to one of the meetings, and be with other lesbian mothers who will understand. We do not feel that enough can be said about the traumas a lesbian mother goes through. We know there are more mothers out there in the community. We want to reach out to them and let them know that there are women in the gay world who are experiencing the same child-rearing problems that they are encountering. Anyone with children can realize that the hardest job there is is raising children. Being a lesbian, one can run into more difficult problems such as custody suits and children's attitudes about their gay mothers. We in the group feel that any woman going through a custody case should contact us because we have resources and funds available to help lesbian mothers. We understand that some women fear exposure because of ex-husbands and jobs, but think of the relief you will feel when you discover that you are not alone.

New women are always welcome. The meetings are at 8 o'clock every Thursday evening at the Women's Center in Cambridge. Any feedback on this article or any questions can be mailed to the center. We will answer all mail.

Incisive Thinking (and Romance Too)

TAKING CARE OF MRS. CARROLL
by Paul Monette; Little, Brown & Co. \$8.95.

By Eric Rogers

I've been looking for a good, contemporary novel about gay men for quite some time. Gordon Merrick's trilogy of young, Aryan gods growing into decadent, gay jetsetters made for great masturbatory fantasies but was irrelevant to my life experience. Likewise, Patricia Nell Warren's novels were satisfying a few years ago, but now I find reading two hundred pages of the agony of coming out as a college track star a bit too sensationalistic and certainly hackneyed. I want a novel to take me beyond those painful days of identity crises and back into the daily business of getting on with life. In his first novel, *Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll*, Paul Monette has provided us with a book that combines the wild abandon of mid-summer with the intrigue surrounding the death of a wealthy woman who leaves an unsigned will. The result is one of the

most exciting, refreshing, and hilarious novels I've had the privilege to curl up with for quite some time.

The novel is written in the first person, through Rick's eyes. He is a man who has much in common with many gay men approaching middle age, yet Monette carefully avoids any stereotypes. Rick is clever as hell, and his insights and observations on the madness of the summer flow like honey from the page. Rick is called down to Mrs. Carroll's estate on Boston's south shore by his ex-lover David, who left him five years earlier for the warmer climates of L.A. and Miami. David, ten years younger than Rick, had been Mrs. Carroll's houseboy until he discovered that she'd died quietly in bed one evening.

No, this is no murder mystery. The complications arise when Phidias, Mrs. Carroll's secret lover throughout her life and the overseer of her estate, realizes that she had not signed her will, which had been specifically prepared to keep her selfish children from inher-



Photograph by Roger Horwitz

iting her wealth. David invites Rick to rescue him, and Rick arrives with his friend, Madeline Cosquer, queen of the silver screen in the thirties and forties, still campy and charming and the goddess of gay guys everywhere. Madeline is pulled into the plot to im-

personate the late Mrs. Carroll — sign the will and fool the children — and she ends up drawing the others around her into a coterie of ease and luxury basking in the summer sun. Between Madeline's sequins and secrets, David's flings with the gardener, and Mrs. Carroll's gay son Tony arriving at the most inopportune moment, the pace of the novel is quick and light. I couldn't put the book down.

Rick and David are both typical of many gay men in the issues that preoccupy them, yet the perspectives they offer and the quality of their romance distinguishes them from the usual molds that literature fits gay men into. Rick is a romantic, somewhat jaded after doing the rounds at Boston gay bars for fifteen years, yet vulnerable enough to fall for David during a vacation on the Carolina coast. He has come to terms with tricking and with romantic narcissism and is committed to "breaking the mirror that two men who couple become." For a person like

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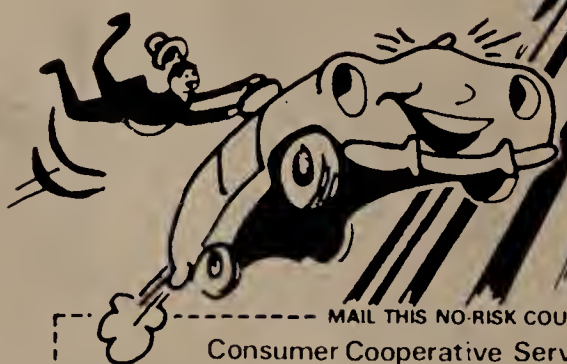
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BOOKS

A Lesbian Panorama

OUR RIGHT TO LOVE. Edited by
Ginny Vida. Prentice-Hall, 1978.
318 pp. Hardcover, \$12.95.

By Pat M. Kuras

With the publication of *Our Right To Love*, by Prentice-Hall, lesbians can claim a victory of sorts. Rather than depending on homophobic psychiatrists and clergy members, a conventional patriarchal publishing house has asked lesbians to provide a book about themselves. With a well-established publisher backing it, this "lesbian resource book" should get widespread promotion and distribution, as was the case with the recent *Joy of Lesbian Sex* and *Joy of Gay Sex* manuals.

Our Right To Love is a categorized batch of essays and photographs produced by lesbians. The material was compiled mainly by Ginny Vida, Media Director for the National Gay Task Force.

The book itself reads like a dyke's *Who's Who*, and Bostonians will enjoy picking out familiar names. (Indeed, our own GCN has a few laurels tossed our way.) This guide to our lifestyle is geared for a multi-leveled audience. Lesbians, of course, top the list. The cover photo of happy hugging dykes is a perfect illustration for the pride and sensitivity within the book.

The chapter entitled "The Spectrum of Lesbian Experience" ignores the predominantly white, middle-class faction of lesbians and delves into racial, class, age and religious differences within our make-up. For those straight folks just coming to terms with lesbianism, may I suggest they read Betty O'Leary's article, "A Mother's Support". Mrs. O'Leary (mother of Jean O'Leary, co-executive director of

NGTF) offers a poignant view of how she dealt with learning about her daughter's lesbian lifestyle. Older lesbians can trip down memory lane with Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin as they reminisce about the beginnings of Daughters of Bilitis. Lesbian teachers, lesbian mothers and lesbians in the military receive adequate coverage.

For those dykes who spot a book on lesbianism and immediately cut to the "Sexuality" chapter, all the basic fundamental steps are set down — in other words, nothing that you already don't know. However, may I recommend the "Breaking Up" article by Polly Kellogg. Ms. Kellogg, a New York therapist, offers insights on how dependent we sometimes become on lovers, and why break-ups can seem so shattering.

Despite the egotism displayed in her foreword, Rita Mae Brown, "Mother of the Movement," will still be able to captivate readers with her alluring wit. One final minor gripe — of all the fabulous photographs in this book, some aren't captioned. Many faces are easily recognized (Meg Christian, Jill Johnston), but this dyke is fretting over who some of these gorgeous women are. (Yes, dykes *do* occasionally cruise.)

Our Right To Love is an invaluable work, informative and charming. In her introduction, Ginny Vida readily admits to difficulty in reaching and presenting all lesbians. Lesbians are as diverse as heterosexuals, and to represent each and every one of us would be a Herculean feat to accomplish. However, *Our Right To Love* makes a good start. This book should be shared with everyone, gay and straight.

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myself, who feels that real romance in gay relationships is sorely lacking in gay fiction, Rick's passions and memories match my own and validate the tenderness that two men can share. David, a bit younger and still the barfly at heart, is going through the growing pains that the renewal of his love affair with Rick has caused. There is much here for gay men to pick out and think over.

Monette's style is beautiful — his characters charmed me, his sunsets warmed me, and his descriptions of New England during the sultry summer made me ache for the months ahead.

He writes like the poet that he is, and words and metaphors flow smoothly, yet hit home with direct precision. Madeline "squashed the ingenues one after another like grapes between her forefinger and thumb." Allusions to campy movie stars, romantic novels, and domineering mothers are used to establish the gay vocabulary that Monette's characters cannot escape, even if their perceptions are refreshingly unique.

Mrs. Carroll hits the bookstores next week. Quite simply, this is a novel that is not to be missed.

Laurels for Jacqui Mac



On Friday evening, March 10, Jacqui Mac, local DJ and manager of the Club 76, welcomed to Boston New Yorker Audrey Joseph and friends. Audrey spearheaded the First Annual Women's Disco DJ Awards, which were presented Feb. 21 in New York. At that function Jacqui was presented with a special award for her long-standing and continuing contribution to women's music.

Jacqui also explained that the party was planned to coincide with the Nightfall magazine Disco Awards. Representatives of the publication, the first and last word in disco, took notice and showed up at the Club to help Jacqui celebrate.

Ms. Joseph treated the bar's patrons to a disco-mix tape by Fran James, this year's winner of the special effects award, and a new disco hit from England entitled "Get On Up" was previewed.

We congratulate Jacqui, and applaud the women who are being recognized in the disco industry.

THEATER

Possibly a Great Gay Play

The International Stud. By Harvey Fierstein. Directed by Eric Concklin.

By Robert Chesley

Harvey Fierstein's *The International Stud* just closed its short run at LaMama in New York. There is a possibility that it will reopen in March; if it does, move heaven and earth to see it. It is a rarity: a thoroughly good gay play, possibly a great one. Many gay plays produced in New York have had good things about them — gripping moments, wit, pungent writing, reasonable entertainment value, good performances. These are important. Some gay theater is genuinely endearing and should be cherished: *Hot Peaches* and *Les Ballets Trockadero*. "The International Stud" goes beyond these: it is a play to which you can give yourself entirely, without reservation, without making excuses for it.

The play disregards political "correctness" on gay issues. In some of its aspects, it is as politically embarrassing (to some, I do not doubt, infuriating) as Arthur Bell telling the truth. The play confronts us with a human situation; let the politically-minded people make what they may of it — if they're honest and humane, there had better be a place for this play in their politics.

The easiest way to describe *The International Stud* is "a gay *Annie Hall*." (Fierstein appeared in the movie.) But this is vastly unfair to the play. Like *Annie Hall*, it is unabashedly about love, and love viewed unromantically as painful. Its protagonist is a clown — at times, the Chaplinesque "little guy" with whom we identify, who has all the foibles and makes all the mistakes we fear in ourselves. As in *Annie Hall*, he is played

by the author, and he addresses the audience in witty monologues, cracking jokes about his pain.

But instead of *Annie Hall*'s slapdash improvisatory quality, *The International Stud* has a simple, taut and theatrically compelling structure. A two-character play, it is structured in five scenes, arranged in the "arch" form Bartok used in some of his quartets. The first scene takes place in the dressing room of a nightclub, where Arnold, a drag star (politically incorrect: drag is oppressive to women, should not be confused with being gay, is not respectable, etc.) delivers a camp (politically incorrect) monologue on loneliness and the need for love (politically incorrect: gay life must be shown as positive). In the second scene, set in the front room of the Stud (one of New York's backroom bars), Ed, a self-consciously macho, closeted teacher, picks up Arnold. The scene is a comic treatment of the bar scene, and is played by Ed alone onstage, to an invisible Arnold. The central scene is a telephone conversation between Arnold and Ed at the end of their four-month affair: Ed's parents are visiting, and he has taken up with a woman. The fourth scene complements the second: again a comic view of the bar scene, again played by a single actor addressing an unseen companion, it shows Arnold trying the back room for the Stud for the first time. The final scene returns to the dressing room, with Arnold again in drag. Ed returns to Arnold after a nine-month silence, and, for the first time within the structure of the play, the two characters interact directly and physically with each other. As they do so, the themes of the previous scenes also come

together in a powerful crystallization of the basic situation.

Between the five scenes, a woman ("Lady Blues") sings old night-club songs about love, which relate to the course of the plot. She remains in her position above the action during the scenes (and interacts with the characters in a special way which I will mention later). The structure of the play is consummate, but it is not all; as in Mozart, the perfection of form leads us through many delights to wrenchingly beautiful passing moments.

It is, of course, basically a variation of "boy-meets-boy, boy-loses-boy, boy-gets-boy," but done in depth. It is a gay play not just because it is about love between men, but because the position of gays in our society is its context: Ed's closetedness, his inability to accept himself, reaches deeply into the relationship. It is what makes him cruel to Arnold; it is what destroys the relationship, even in bed, where Ed fears "losing himself" in lovemaking ("It is what I pray for," Arnold replies). The "boy-gets-boy" part is varied: does Arnold get Ed, and, if so, would this be a happy ending? Arnold knows better. Ed returns to him "more fucked up than ever"; the situation is hopeless.

The writing is excellent. Many of the lines are very funny (though *Annie Hall* is funnier). The characters are drawn in depth and with compassion. Ed has a wooden exterior, but touch him and he gets nasty, for he must protect himself from the truth about himself, must reduce the one person who means something to him to a "friend," to be handled superficially. Arnold, brighter and more insightful than Ed, and honest, wonders whether

he should allow his love for Ed to lead him into a situation he knows is hopeless. "I care. I care a great deal," he tells us even before he meets Ed, "But do I care enough?" Give yourself to someone and be destroyed by the pain, or protect yourself now, no matter how difficult, and hope for a better chance someday to love and to be loved; that's the bitter choice we are left with as the lights fade.

The woman singer, standing always above the action in soft, innocent, rosy light (except in the back room scene, where she is in darkness), looks on silently, pleading with her eyes for the first side: give yourself to someone. She is half guardian angel over Arnold and half the romantic part of Arnold himself, significantly removed in a separate embodiment. During the devastating final scene, Arnold looks at her directly at times, and then relents a little towards giving in to his despairing love for Ed. Having the singer present is an enormously effective theatrical device: she stands for what I have in me, what, perhaps, we all have in us, but are so afraid to admit, the need for love. Her presence comments upon the bitterly ironic commentary of the lines: the bitterness visibly hurts her.

Harvey Fierstein's performance as Arnold is, perhaps, crucial to the play. One certainly would not want a lesser actor in the part — it would be like hearing Mozart played on out-of-tune instruments. Steve Spiegel convinces us he is Ed, from the nervous and protectively masculine exterior down to the bone-level inner conflict that is destroying him. Diane Tarleton as Lady Blues sings her songs with stirring honesty, and wins applause for her renditions. The artistry of her silent participation in the play itself is, as I have indicated, extraordinarily touching. She is sensitively accompanied on the piano by Ned Levy. The admirable direction is by Eric Concklin.

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By Eric Rogers

Franzeuse, Baba, Nose and Ravioli, four women clowns, gave a spectacular performance last weekend at the **International Women's Day Celebration** in Boston. These clowns' antics were both hysterical and meaningful, probing love and pain and the madness of life. Their act is unique — neither singing nor dancing nor magic tricks — a portrayal of women with women in all its facets. They've performed at the **Saints** a few times, and you can catch them next at the **MCC/GCN Variety Show** on Tuesday night, April 4, at 8 p.m. Other exciting acts will be announced in the next few weeks, so be certain to check it out . . . Phone 426-4469 or 523-7664 for ticket information.

I caught a sneak preview of **Brian DePalma's *The Fury*** at the Pi Alley last week. The movie's in the **Carrie** tradition — lots of parapsychological energy being manipulated by the government, and telepathy used for violence. I enjoyed the movie even though I closed my eyes through the scary scenes. The one question I have is, why were so many lesbians and gay men at the preview? At first I thought I was imagining things, but as showtime came, more and more gay people took their seats. What drew all of us to the movie? Has **DePalma's *Carrie*** attracted a gay following for him? Or was it **Carrie Snodgrass**, absent from the screen for too long, that we remember from *Diary of a Mad Housewife*? Perhaps it's just that some gay people have become heavy cinema junkies and take in every preview that comes to town. In any case, when the Sack Cinema voice welcomed us to the show and said "thank you for coming

out to the movie tonight," the giggles that followed were indicative of who was indeed coming out tonight.

Darts has opened on Dartmouth Street near Boylston, diagonally across from the public library, and the opening night bash had lines going down the block. The club is lovely, decorated in black and silver, with mirrors abounding. There's a big bar up front and a smaller one in the back, and a nice-sized dance floor. The opening night party was packed full of happy people — a Beacon Hill-Back Bay-South End crowd — and the disco sounds were excellent. The spacious men's room had one interesting feature . . . mirrors over the urinals . . . which made some men who were using the facilities a bit uncomfortable, while others enjoyed the view . . . Welcome to Boston, **Dart**!

The dates for the **fifth National Women's Music Festival** have been set for June 13 through June 18 in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. The festival will feature workshops and concerts celebrating women's music. In the past women artists such as **Meg Christian, Holly Near, Malvina Reynolds** and **Be K'Roché** have appeared in concert at the festival and this year's



Meg Christian

performers should be just as exciting and talented as these women. This year's festival will include more

classical music in the format. Registration can be done by writing to the **National Women's Music Festival**, P.O. Box 2721, Station A, Champaign, Ill. 61820. Before April 1 the fee is \$25 for the entire festival, and after that date it's \$30. If you wait until June 13 to register, the fee, which includes all concerts and workshops, is \$40, so make your plans now . . .

John Gerassi, author of **The Boys of Boise**, will be in town this week for two speaking engagements. One is on Sunday, March 19, in Morse Auditorium, 602 Commonwealth Ave., at 11 a.m. His address to the **Community Church of Boston** will focus on freedom in North and South America. He will also be speaking at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 20, at the **Boston/Boise Committee** meeting in the Old West

Church on Cambridge St. Considering the recent instances of Boise-like crackdowns all over the country, be sure to catch one of his talks.

Next weekend brings two Springtime events . . . On Friday night, March 24, **Cafe Gallery**, 73 Dartmouth St. in the South End, will be hosting **Gay People's Celebration of Spring Breath** — poetry reading and socializing. The event begins at 8 p.m. and will feature some fine poetry from local gay poets . . . On Saturday night, March 25, **Am Tikva's Purim Disco Party** will be held in Room 455 in Northeastern University's Ell Building. The party begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until 1 a.m. There will be a \$2.00 admission fee and wine will be served. Purim costumes are optional. Phone 353-1821 for more information.

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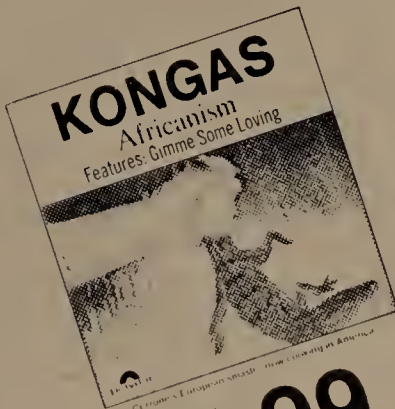
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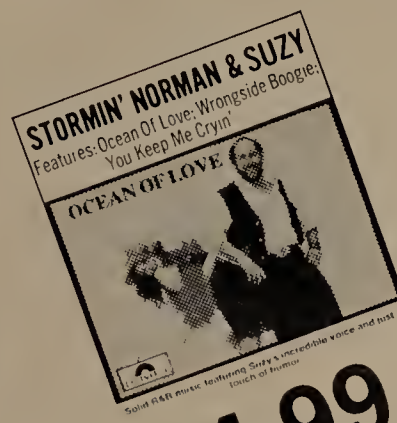
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Talking, Mos'ly Men, 864-4130
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20 Blagden St. 247-3910
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272 Huntington Ave.
Leather, Men, Sunday Brunch 4PM.
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110 Boylston St.
Disco Dancing, Mixed.
1270
1270 Boylston St. 261-1257
Disco Dancing, Mixed (Mostly Men).
TWELVE CARVER
12 Carver St.
Men.

Quick
Gay Guide

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Access (Cambridge Hotline) 661-3900
Am Tikva 524-1890, 628-3986
Cambridge Gay Political Caucus,
P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge 02141 491-0968
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-1081, 354-8807
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 742-8020
CLEARSPACE: a community center for lesbian
women and gay men (now being developed) P.O.
Box 398, Allston, MA 02134 277-2484
Closet Space WCAS (740 AM)
380 Green St.,
Cambridge 02139 492-6450
Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave.,
Cambridge 02138 661-3633
Dignity, 355 Boylston St.,
Boston, MA 02114 536-6518
Elaine Noble (Rep.) 727-2584
Evangelicals Concerned 894-3970
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Tom Nyland 267-1066
Gay Academic Union of New England,
P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101 492-3353
Gay AlAnon (alcoholics) 843-5300
Gay AlAnon, Greater Boston 471-6884
Gay Business Ass'n, Suite 129
102 Charles St., Boston MA 02114
G.B.A. 367-0733
Job Bank 492-0056
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Education Service (Human
Achievement Foundation), P.O. Box
398, Allston 02134 277-2484
Gay Hotline (6-12pm, Mon.-Fri.) 426-9371
Gay Legislation (Mass. Caucus)
P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston 02117 742-4811
73 Tremont St., Rm 224
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box
530, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900 (X2396)
Gay Professional Women's Assn.,
Box 308, Boston U. Sta., Boston 02215
Gay Recreational Activities Committee
(GRAC), c/o GCN Box 8000
Gay Speakers Bureau, P.O. Box 2232,
Boston 02107 354-0133
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9FM) 353-2790
Gay Youth Advocates
70 Charles St. 523-0368
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assn. 498-2014
Homophile Community Health Service
Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208 542-5188
Janus Counseling for Lesbians, 262-3057
21 Bay St., Cambridge 661-2537
Lambda of Middlesex, P.O. 1165,
Framingham, MA 01701.
Nites and weekends 877-8550
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers, c/o Women's Center,

46 Pleasant St., Cambridge MA
(Meets Thurs., 8pm.)
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People 536-3788
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit
Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St.,
Cambridge 661-0450
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Homophile League, rm 50-306 253-5440
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Ave.,
Cambridge 02139 661-8898, 661-6358
National Organization for Women 267-6160
New Words Bookstore 876-5310
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o
Student Activities Office, 255 Eli Ctr.
Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500,
22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108
Outreach Foundation for crossdressers,
transgenderists and gender dysthorics,
102 Charles St., Suite 433, Boston 02114
Project Lambda 523-0368
Project Place 267-9150
Sexual Health centers of N.E., Inc.,
739 Boylston St., Boston 02116 266-3444
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center) 333-0146
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student
Activities Office, Medford 02155
Unitarian Universalists Office of Gay
Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston
02108 742-2100
Women's Alcoholism Program, 1348
Cambridge St., Cambridge 02139 661-1316
Women's Community Health in
Cambridge 547-2302

EASTERN MASS. (Area Code 617)

Dignity Merrimack Valley
P.O. Box 348, Lowell 08853 851-6711
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center
St., Provincetown 02657 (4-6pm)
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren
Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis
02601 771-6739
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-5370
Montachusettis Gay Alliance
Box 262, Fitchburg 01420 342-5963
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1570
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-in Center 487-0387
Survival Crisis Line 471-7100

WESTERN MASS. (Area Code 413)

Berkshire Community Gay Coalition,
Box 493, Pittsfield 01201 442-9450
Common Women Club, 78 Masonic St.,
Northampton 01060 584-4580
Everywomen's Center, Amherst 545-0883
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
Help Line 664-6391 664-6392
Lesbian Union, 9th floor, Campus Center,
UMass, Amherst 01003
People's Gay Alliance, RSO 368 Student
Union, UMass, Amherst, 1002 545-0154
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
Springfield Gay Alliance 732-9315
Together, Box 427, Forest Park Sta.,
Springfield 01108
Valley Women's Center, Northampton 586-2011

CONNECTICUT (Area Code 203)

"Come Out Tonight," Box WYBC/Yale
Station, New Haven 06520
CT Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 514,
Hartford 06101 522-5575
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 3712,
Amth Sta., New Haven 06525
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, Box 2031, Yale
Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Gay phone counseling (eves.), New Haven 436-8945
Gay Switchboard 522-5575
Gay Women's Collective, Women's Center,
U-118, University of CT,
Storrs 06268 486-4738
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 232-5110
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay
Archives, † Gold St., Suite 22B,
Hartford 06103 547-1281
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656
MCC/Hartford 232-5110, 522-5575
New Haven Lesbian Rap, 148 Orange St.,
New Haven 436-0272
The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal 527-2656
UConn Gay Alliance, 211 Student Union,
U of CT, Storrs 06268
Yalebians, Box 2031, Yale Station,
New Haven 06520 436-8945
Wesleyan Gay Alliance 635-3035

RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)

Brown University Gay Lib. 305 Faunce
House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912
Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays 863-3062
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Help Line 751-3322
Gay Community Services of R.I.,
55 Eddy St., rm 306
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle,
Women's Center, 186 Meeting St.,
Providence, 02912 863-2189
MCC/Providence, 134 Matthewson St. 272-9247
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill,
aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael
Nordstrom 272-8482
Providence Gay Group of AA 333-1396

NEW HAMPSHIRE (Area Code 603)

Christian Community Church
292 State Street (617) 363-2286
MCC-Extension, 292 State St.,
Portsmouth 03801 382-4678
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301 228-8542
Northwood Women's Group, G. Ball,
Box 273, RFD 1, Manchester 03104
NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force,
4 Valentine Hill Rd., Durham 02834

Vermont (Area Code 802)

Counseling-Support for Gay Women,
c/o Susan Katz, South VT Women's Health
Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, VT
05701 775-1518
Gay Student Union, U of VT, Burlington
05401, M-F, 7-9pm 656-4173
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington 863-1236

NEW YORK (CITY) (Area Code 212)

Ass'n of Gay Social Workers,
c/o Gay Switchboard Message Center,
110 East 23rd St., Suite 502, 10010 777-7697

Church of the Beloved Disciple,
348 W. 14th St., 10004 242-6616
Gay People at Columbia, Columbia U.,
10027 280-2574
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10017
National Gay Task Force,
80 Fifth Ave., rm 506 741-1010
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15 Christopher St. 255-8097
Tri-base Collective 533-4492
West Side Discussion Group,
37 Ninth Ave. 675-0143

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Affirmation (Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus).
34 Chestnut Rd., Delmar 12054
Broome County Gay Alliance
P.O. Box F-1711 (607) 724-1973
Binghamton 13902
Capital District Gay Community Center (7-11pm),
332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210 (518) 462-6138
Capital District Gay Political Caucus,
Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138
Cornell Gay Liberation
Room 28 Willard Straight Hall
Cornell Univ., Ithaca 14853 (607) 256-6482
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester
42 Tyler House, 17 So. Fitzhugh St.,
Rochester 14614 (716) 232-6521
Empty Closet Collective, 1255 Uni-
versity Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 271-6750
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley,
Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640
14614 or 244-9030
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester,
713 Monroe Ave. Rochester (716) 244-8640
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R. Wilson
Commons, Rochester 14607 (716) 275-6181
Gay Light Collective
389 W Onondaga St.
Syracuse, 13202 (315) 475-6875
Gay Task Force, 713 Monroe Ave.,
Rochester (Mon. 7pm) (716) 244-8640
or 244-9030
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80,
Hamilton College, Clinton 13323
Lambda Univ., Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138
Lesbian Resource Center, 713
Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-9030
NY State Coalition of Gay Organizations,
Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138
Onondaga County Human Rights Coalition
Box 121, DeWitt 13214 (315) 475-6857
Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie (914) 473-3857
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CALENDAR

We've expanded our calendar to include monthly listings. The deadline for Calendar Items is Wednesday at noon for the following issue.

18 sat

Boston — CLEARSPACE "Irish at Heart Night" — Irish boiled dinner, \$3. Open bar, \$3. Dancing 103 Charles St. Tickets: 277-2484.

19 sun

Boston — The Boston Men's Center is organizing men's groups for consciousness-raising, mutual support, and a new look at men's roles in society. Groups will be formed at 2pm at Campus Free College, 14 Beacon St.

Boston — Dignity is sponsoring a dinner at 7pm in the Arlington St. Church. \$3.50. Beef Burgundy! Open.

Cambridge — Closetspace (740am) hosts the Cambridge Feminist Art Collective, 9am.

20 mon

Boston — John Gerassi, the author of *The Boys of Boise*, will speak at the Boston/Boise Committee meeting at 8pm in the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St.

Hartford — Public hearing on the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance protecting gay people. 7:30pm in City Hall, 50 Main St. Info: (203) 522-5575.

21 tues

NYC — Fortune Society president David Rothenberg will speak on gay issues. West Side Discussion group. 8:30pm, 37 Ninth Ave.

22 wed

Providence — Public hearings on the Providence Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. 7pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Info: 277-0966.

Boston — Bible study related discussion topics are part of the mid-week services at MCC. "Names We Call God" rap will follow service. 8pm. 131 Cambridge St. Old West Church.

Boston — Poetry reading. Ron Schreiber will read poems with the California poet Clive Matson. 12:30pm, UMass, Columbia Point Campus, English Dept. lounge (6th floor, bldg. 1).

23 thurs

Boston — CLEARSPACE is presenting a 3-hour course entitled "Legal Protection for Lovers". Instructor will be Atty. Richard Rubino. 6-10pm, 91 Newbury St., 3rd floor. 7.50 tuition. Info: 277-0966.

Princeton, NJ — Gay People/Princeton presents a program on Personal Sexual Development. Thomas Shostak, Professor of Human Affairs at Brookdale College, will discuss what is known about the development of an individual's sexual capacities through life. 8pm. Princeton Unitarian Church, Cherry Hill Road & Rte. 206.

NYC — Adrienne Rich will read her poetry at Gay Women's Alternative, the Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

24 fri

Providence — Benefit Cofteehouse at Big Mothers, Faunce House, Brown Univ. Food & beverages & lots of music. 9-12am. \$1.50 donation to Gay Community Services.

Boston — gay people's celebration spring's breath. poetry reading, bring your stuff, cafe gallery. dartmouth & appleton sts. so. end. 8pm.

Boston — 1st Annual Am Tikva Purim Disco Party. 8 'till 1am. Costumes optional. \$2 admission, wine served, Room 455, Eli Building, Northeastern Univ. Info: 353-1821.

25 sat

Hartford — Organizational meeting for the Northeast Conference of Lesbian and Gay Activists. MCC/Hartford. Info: (617) 567-4494.

Cambridge — Gay folkdancing. 3-6pm. Peabody Room, 3rd floor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard.

NYC — Purim Dance at Beth Simchat Torah, the Gay Synagogue for Women and Men. 9pm. \$3 donation. 57 Bethune St.

26 sun

Cambridge — Closet Space (WCAS 740am) Al Bouchard and Marty Stearns will talk about Clearspace, the gay community center effort. 9am.

Cambridge — Good-Bye Celebration at the Common Grounds Coffeehouse. Lots of music. 2:30pm. 100 Flowers Bookstore, 15 Pearl St.

Boston — Easter, A Celebration of Renewal. The Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus. 355 Boyston St. 7pm.

28 tues

Cambridge — Meeting for those women interested in planning a Mother's Day demonstration in support of the rights of lesbian mothers. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7:30pm.

30 thurs

NYC — Julius Fast and "The Body Language of Sex, Power and Aggression". Gay Women's Alternative, the Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

Boston — *The Importance of Being Earnest* will be presented by the Emerson College Theatre Company, 130 Beacon St. 8:30pm. Tickets, \$2.50. Info: 538-0862.

Princeton, NJ — Gay People/Princeton presents Gay U.S.A., a 73-minute color film documentary. \$2 donation. 8pm. Princeton Unitarian Church, Cherry Hill Road & Rte. 206.

31 fri

Bangor, ME — Maine Gay Symposium V at Bangor Community College. \$5 registration. Write the Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, Orono, ME 04473.

Boston — The B.U. Women's Center will be having a Women's Film Festival at 7:30pm in the basement of Morse Auditorium, 602 Comm. Ave. The lesbian film "A Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts" is among those featured. Free.

1 sat

NYC — Eastern Regional Lesbian Conference at Hunter College. Contact Lesbians Rising, Hunter College or Gay Women of Brown (401) 863-2189 for schedule and information.

2 sun

Cambridge — Closet Space (WCAS 740am) An absolutely Insane April Fool's show.

4 tues

NYC — "Death in Venice": The book, the movie, the opera will be discussed by Richard Plant, known for his writings and talks on Nazi treatment of gays. 8:30pm. West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

Boston — ***MCC/GCN Benefit Variety Show! Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. 8pm. For Ticket info: 426-4469 or 523-7664

6 thurs

NYC — Betty Friedan and the Lesbian Role in the Feminist Movement. Gay Women's Alternative, the Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm.

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